

ABSTRACT

WA-I-214

19th Century

Hykes-Priest Farmhouse

Reid Vicinity

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-214  
District 9  
Map 11  
Parcel 3

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hykes-Priest Farmhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East of Marsh Pike just South of the Mason-Dixon Line

CITY, TOWN

North of Hagerstown

☒ VICINITY OF Reid

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mary J. Priest

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 144

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 532

Folio #: 541

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmhouse is located about one fourth mile east of Marsh Pike just south of the Mason-Dixon Line off a macadam road which leads to the Big Spring in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The house is situated on fairly level ground and faces southwest.

The dwelling is a two and one half story, four bay brick structure set on finely coursed limestone foundations which are nearly a full story in height at the front elevation. The walls are constructed of bricks, painted white. At the front or southwest elevation Flemish bonding was used while the other walls display American or common bond. Flat arches of brick are present above most windows and door openings. A brick dentil work cornice finishes the eaves.

Windows at the main or upper stories are aligned with each other in the walls. Frames are narrow and finished with a bead at the inside edge. All have six over six pane double hung sashes. Shutters (removed for painting when the house was photographed) flank the windows. The window in the northwest end of the front elevation shows evidence of having been lowered as three courses of brick are present between the top of the window and the brick arch. A window in the foundation wall has framing similar to the others and is topped with a massive wooden lintel.

A pair of entrances placed side by side is located in the center bays of the front elevation at the ground and main story levels. The doors are framed similarly to the window. Those at the main story each have a four light transom. The doors are sheltered by a two bay, shed roofed porch resting on concrete block foundations.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and terminates with a beaded barge board set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 9.99 acres, part of the land grant "Elysian Fields." It is surrounded by a farm that was once part of the same property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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One unusual feature of this house are its finely coursed stone foundations. Precisely worked stone of this type is not often seen in foundations of houses in Washington County after the early 19th century. The owner believes that structural timbers used in this house may have come from some older building.

This house is located on a farm which belonged to Jacob Hykes during the mid 19th century. In his will made in 1885, Hykes left the property to his son Isaac. (Will Liber H/188). In 1907, Isaac Hykes and Ida Alice, his wife, sold the house on a 20 acre tract to J. Henry Hykes (127/678), who at his death left it to Hazel Myers (Will Liber 19/258). It was purchased by George and Cecelia T. Priest in 1942 (221/1) and conveyed to the present owner in 1971.

The land grant "Elysian Fields" on which this house stands included parts of several earlier tracts, "Scotts Grief," "Work Easy," "Resurvey on Nicholas' Contrivance" and "Collier's Amendment" which were resurveyed into a tract containing 237 acres for Samuel Douglass in 1788.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.  
 Taggart, Thomas, Map of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: L. McKee and  
 C.G. Robertson, 1859.  
 Washington County Land Records.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.99 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

DATE

**September 1976**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

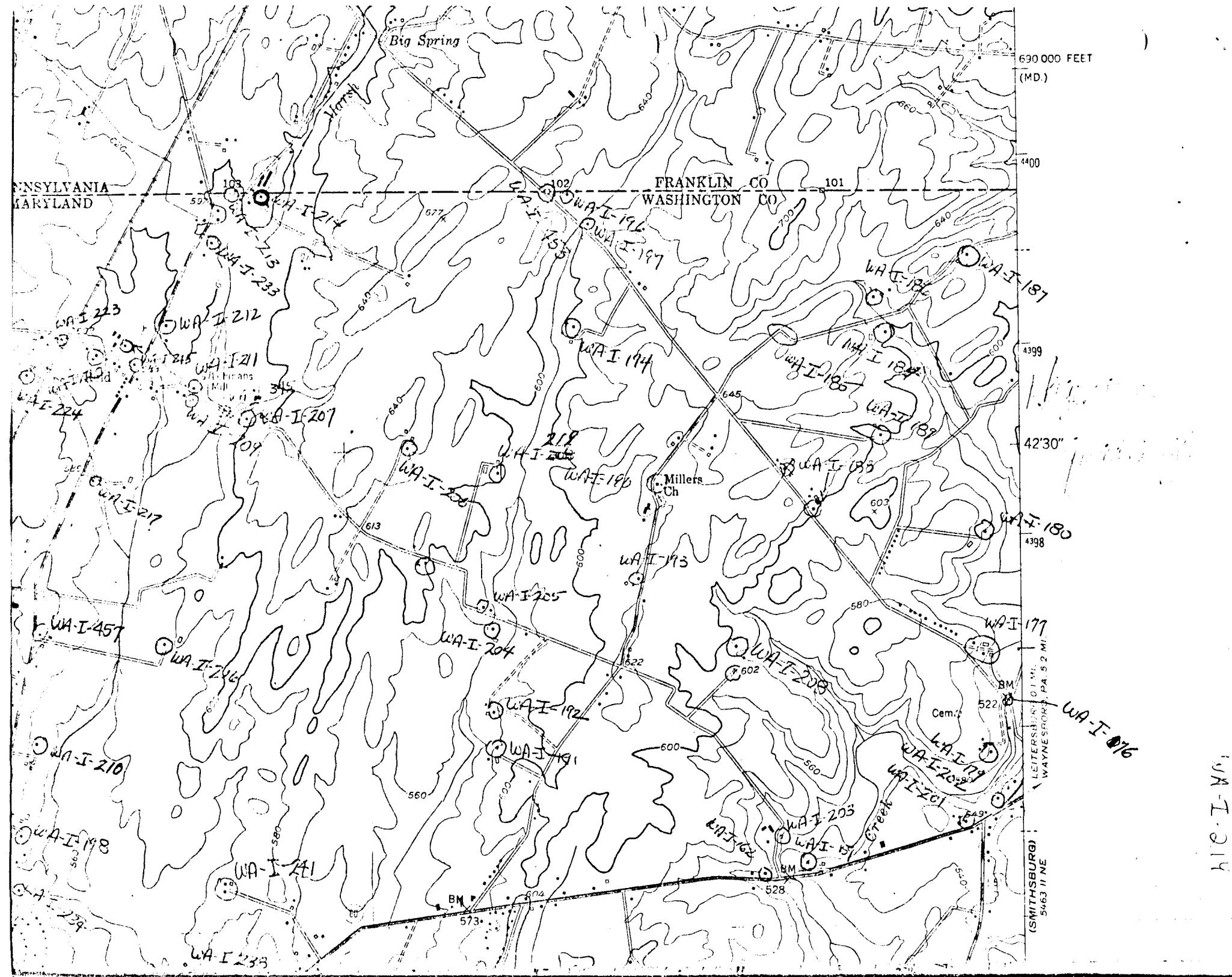
STATE

**Maryland 21740**

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